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10/724,632

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/02/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/18/05 05/12/05 1/25/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/18/2005, 01/25/2005 and 05/12/2005 have been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 recites a photonic crystal-based resonant cavity, structure including the specific structure limitation of *a plurality of third dielectric substances each having a third dielectric permittivity, the plurality of third dielectric substances being arranged in a second periodic structure with respect to at least one or more directions on the plane formed of the first dielectric substance, and being disposed in unit cells formed by the plurality of second dielectric substances so as to be arranged in a third periodic structure together with the plurality of second dielectric substances; and one or more local defects formed to disrupt either the first periodic structure formed by the second dielectric substances or the second periodic structure formed by the third dielectric*

substances, which is neither anticipated or disclosed nor suggested in any piece of available prior art, which is neither anticipated nor obvious over the prior art of record.

Claim 9 recites a resonator having a plurality of filtering frequencies structure including the specific structure limitation of *a plurality of third dielectric substances each having a third dielectric permittivity, the plurality of third dielectric substances being arranged in a second periodic structure with respect to at least one or more directions on the plane formed of the first dielectric substance, and being disposed in unit cells formed by the plurality of second dielectric substances so as to be arranged in a third periodic structure together with the plurality of second dielectric substances; and one or more local defects formed to disrupt the first periodic structure formed by the plurality of second dielectric substances or the second periodic structure formed by the plurality of third dielectric substances; a first waveguide in the first dielectric substance and integrated adjacent to the one or more defects for causing electromagnetic waves to reach the one or more defects; and a second waveguide in the first dielectric substance integrated adjacent to the one or more defects for outputting the electromagnetic waves generated by the cavity in a desired direction*, which is neither anticipated or disclosed nor suggested in any piece of available prior art, which is neither anticipated nor obvious over the prior art of record.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delma R. Flores Ruiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F.

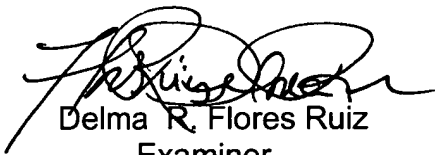
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Min Sun Harvey can be reached on (571) -272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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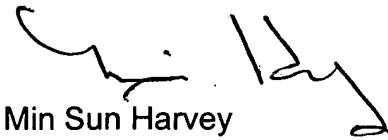
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